Organizations have taken up the following programmes for the development of horticulture, tea, rubber, etc. in the North-East Region:

- A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture is being implemented in the NE States from Ninth Plan onwards. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 164.73 crore was released to the NE States and an additional area of about 53578 ha was brought under horticulture crops. During 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 321.76 crore was released and the target for area expansion was 100232 ha.
- The Tea Board under its Plantation Development Scheme is providing 25% subsidy for bringing hilly areas under tea plantation. During 2006—08, an additional area of 1047.25 ha. was covered under the Scheme.
- The Rubber Board has implemented an integrated scheme for Rubber Development in the North Eastern States during 2006-07 and 2007-08. Major components of the scheme are new planting, replanting, etc. Financial and technical suport is provided for planting and maintenance of rubber till maturity. A special scheme for Block Rubber Planting is being implemented with the collaboration of the State Governments. The proposal is to cover 25000 ha. under new plantations in the Eleventh Plan with an outlay of Rs. 173.05 crore.
- The Spices Board, under its various schemes, has covered an area of 1475.57 ha. during 2006-07 and 2007-08.

As far as NEC and NLCPR funds are concerned, the primary emphasis is on upgrading the infrastructure. However, NEC has taken up some projects to promote the cultivation of mushroom and kiwi.

Receipt and disbursement of funds by CAMPA

2667. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of deposits collected till date in the special fund of Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) since its constitution; and

(b) out of the total amount collected what is the amount spent by the Compensatory Afforestation Management and Planning Authority on protection, regeneration of forests and strengthening of infrastructure of national parks, sanctuaries, tiger and elephant reserves till date with their details, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) An amount of about Rs. 7,347.00 crores has been collected by the Ad-hoc CAMPA so far. As the Ad-hoc CAMPA has not been authorized by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to release any funds to the States/Union Territories, nothing has been spent out of the fund so far.

Tiger protection

2668. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States have failed to take adequate measures for tiger protection;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government considers to block State funds earmarked for protection of tigers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Advisories have been issued to States for stepping up tiger protection, which do have site specific problems. Based on the review and deliberations held in the All India meeting of Field Directors recently, timelines have been prescribed for submission of reserve-wise indicative Tiger Conservation Plan, apart from plan for relocation of villages from the core/critical tiger habitat identified within tiger reserves. The tiger reserve States have been informed that central assistance under Project Tiger would be provided only on receipt of an indicative Tiger Conservation Plan and the prescribed MoU, duly signed by the competent authority of the State.

New Tiger Reserves

2669. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved eight new tiger reserves;

(b) if so, the names of those places/States and how tigers can be accommodated in each reserve separately;

(c) whether Government has cautioned the concerned States to ensure anti-poaching measures; and

(d) at what cost the 8 new tiger reserves would be set up and whether any Tiger Task Force would put up into action simultaneously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise details of the new tiger reserves are at Statement-I (*See* below). The designated tiger reserves already have *in-situ* population of wild tigers, which would be fostered through reserve specific managerial inputs under Project Tiger.

(c) Yes, Sir. The steps taken by the Government of India to control poaching are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) The revised scheme of Project Tiger has provisions for providing funding support to the new tiger reserves. The guidelines of the said scheme would enable implementation of the Tiger Task Force recommendations.

Statement-I

Details of the New Tiger Reserves

Sl. No.	Name of the proposed new Tiger Reserve	State	Area (in sq. km.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Anamalai-Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuaries	Tamil Nadu & Kerala	1410
2.	Udanti and Sita Nadi Wildlife Sanctuaries	Chhattisgarh	1580
3.	Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary	Orissa	988.30